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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

### SUMMARY

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#### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 50.6 degrees, 4.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 15. Precipitation averaged .09 inches, 0.45 inches above normal.

Reporters rated 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 13. This is 0.6 days ahead 1999 but 0.4 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

##### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2000	5.0	4.6	121.4
1999	4.4	5.9	159.7
1995-1999	5.4	5.5	136.8

##### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	86	11
Last Week	0	2	64	34
Same Week Last Year	15	31	52	2
1995-1999 Average	6	24	68	2

#### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

**Corn** advanced 5 points to 91 percent mature. This is 13 days behind 1999 but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Twenty-four percent of corn has been harvested for grain, 13 days behind last year and two days behind the 1995-99 average. Corn harvested for silage is 88 percent complete, six days behind 1999 but about eight days ahead of the five-year average.

Ninety-six percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is 17 days behind 1999 and four days behind the 1995-99 average. Eighty-seven percent of soybeans are mature, compared to 100 percent last year at this time. Soybeans are

58 percent harvested. This is 10 days behind 1999 and about two days behind the 1995-99 average.

**Alfalfa hay** fourth cutting is 84 percent complete, 14 days behind last year. **Other hay** third cutting is 93 percent complete. This is about 14 days behind 1999 and six days behind the 1995-99 average.

**Tobacco** is 18 percent stripped. **Winter wheat** planted is 61 percent complete, five days behind 1999 and about two days ahead the 1995-99 average.

**Fall and winter apples** are 80 percent harvested, five days ahead of 1999. **Grapes** are 95 percent harvested, seven days ahead of last year.

Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans; chopping silage; planting winter wheat; harvesting fruit and vegetables; fall tillage; chisel plowing; bush hogging; shelling corn; hauling grain; spraying weeds; making hay; spreading lime and fertilizer; pressing cider; cutting firewood; building and repairing fences; weaning and selling feeder calves..

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Frost in some regions killed back weeds but also caused some damage to late planted corn and beans. Reported weed pressures included giant ragweed, johnson grass, lambsquarters, yellow foxtail. Reported insects included Asian lady bugs in barns and houses, yellow jackets, European corn borers, aphids, squash bugs, and cucumber beetles. Reported corn diseases included stalk rot, and mold. Other diseases reported were white mold on soybeans, mold on pumpkins, and mold on curing tobacco.

Reporters mentioned late planted beans are now turning color and will be about three weeks before ready to harvest.

Livestock were reported in good to excellent condition. In Harrison, Morrow and Ross counties, livestock producers are weaning and selling feeder calves. Pasture conditions remain in mostly good condition.

#### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (fall & winter) harvested	80	73	NA	68	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	84	98	NA	76	NA
Corn mature	91	100	86	86	96
Corn harvested for grain	24	52	27	14	50
Corn harvested for silage	92	98	83	88	NA
Grapes harvested	95	87	NA	87	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	93	100	98	89	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	96	100	98	94	95
Soybeans mature	87	100	NA	79	NA
Soybeans harvested	58	79	63	38	58
Tobacco stripped	18	6	NA	11	NA
Winter wheat planted	61	75	69	43	50
Winter wheat emerged	17	39	30	3	20

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	23	51	20
Previous Week	1	5	22	48	24
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HAY					
Current Week	1	4	19	57	19
Previous Week	0	5	19	57	19
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE					
Current Week	1	5	23	56	15
Previous Week	1	5	23	54	17
Previous Year	15	30	35	18	2
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	9	28	45	15
Previous Week	3	9	27	42	19
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WHEAT					
Current Week	0	2	28	58	12
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	5	20	55	19

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	52.9	-0.8	0.07	-0.43	27.99	6.80	55	0	3004	-32
North Central	51.7	-2.3	0.11	-0.40	28.28	6.35	50	-5	2893	-96
Northeast	50.6	-2.7	0.22	-0.41	25.01	2.01	47	-5	2725	-106
West Central	51.6	-3.1	0.12	-0.42	27.89	5.39	55	-6	3121	-39
Central	50.3	-4.9	0.05	-0.44	26.38	2.90	53	-10	3141	-58
Central Hills	49.7	-4.1	0.12	-0.42	25.76	2.44	46	-10	2862	-101
Northeast Hills	49.6	-4.7	0.16	-0.41	25.26	2.14	46	-12	2833	-181
Southwest	50.6	-5.8	0.03	-0.51	27.61	3.51	55	-14	3257	-105
South Central	49.7	-7.0	0.01	-0.52	24.00	0.44	55	-18	3355	-42
Southeast	49.3	-6.0	0.04	-0.50	22.45	-1.13	52	-14	3139	-64
STATE	50.6	-4.2	0.09	-0.45	25.99	3.00	52	-10	3054	-78

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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